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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"At the Last..."

How Sin Ends According to the Word of God

By Evangelist John R. Rice

ALCOHOLIC DRINK: "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:22.

THE HARLOT WOMAN: "But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."—Prov. 5:4, 5.

THE MAN OF ILL-GOTTEN RICHES: "... at his end shall be a fool."—Jer. 17:11.

WORLDLY PLEASURE: "... the end of that mirth is heaviness."—Prov. 14:13.

MORALITY AND RELIGION WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH: "... but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 14:12.

THE FINAL END OF SIN: "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."—James 1:15.

Satan is a murderer and a liar. That is what Jesus said in John 8:44. To the Pharisees He said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Satan's object for the whole human race is death. He means death to the body, death to the soul. He means to bring the death of beauty, the death of youth, the death of love, the death of happiness, the death of purity, the death of every immortal soul. His object is murder. That is the reason the Bible warns again and again that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). And, "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." God said to Adam and Eve, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." And when Satan tempted Adam and Eve, he meant to bring death to them and to the race, and damnation to their souls and the souls of billions who should follow them. Satan's object is murder!

And Satan's method is the lie. "There is no truth in him," Jesus said. "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." The reason Satan is a liar is because he can accomplish his purpose in no other way. If Satan told the truth about sin when he tempts people, not a single person would ever sin. Every person who ever sins is deceived into it. It is true that depraved men now love sin, have a longing for sin; but if men realized how sin would end, they would hate it and flee from it.

If Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden had believed God when

He said, "Thou shalt surely die," and had not believed Satan when he said, "Ye shall NOT surely die," they would never have eaten of the forbidden fruit. Suppose Satan had said to Adam and Eve, "I want to damn your souls. I want to bring hate, a curse on every child that will ever be born in the world! If you eat of this fruit, if you turn away from God, if you disobey Him and defy Him and disbelieve Him, it will mean eternal death for billions. It will mean the curse of physical death, the taint of disease, the sorrows of crime, divisions, strife, murder, adultery, lying, stealing, deceiving; if you take this step in sin, you are stepping toward eternal Hell and torment." If Satan had said that, he would never have gotten Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. It is only by lying that Satan gets people to go his way toward death. Murder is his object, the lie is his method. He is a murderer and a liar, Jesus said.

Sinner, look before you leap! Before you go into sin, learn how it will end! Satan's ways all start sweet but end bitter. Satan's promises all sound good but are a lie. Satan's pleasures all end in sorrow. Satan's riches all end in poverty. Sin's ways end in death!

On a narrow road approaching a hill a reckless motorist dashed out to go around the car in front of him. Just as he came to the crest of the hill and parallel to the other car, he saw too late a car approaching from the opposite side. In the two-lane highway there was no room for three cars parallel. The man who tried to pass another car on the hill careened head-on into the approaching car and was killed. That man was a fool because he raced on when he was not able to see what was in front of him.

But any man is a fool who takes a course of action without considering how it will end. Any man or woman is a fool who starts headlong down a long hill before considering whether he or she has any brakes.

Ten miles from Elmira, New York, a man got in his car and started down an icy hill toward the highway. At the foot of the hill ran the Erie Railroad. He did not see the approaching train until he was already headed down the icy hill. He tried desperately to stop but could not. The car slid onto the railroad track and the man was instantly killed. How foolish he was not to have looked or the train before he started down the hill!

In that tragedy there is a double lesson. The man lost his life because he did not look ahead to

see how his trip down the hill would end. But the same man the preceding Sunday heard me preach. I pleaded with him personally to take the Saviour but he would not. Although he was a middle-aged man, he decided to risk it longer on Satan's side and turn down the Saviour. He lost his life by starting in his car down the hill without looking ahead. But he lost his poor soul forever because he turned down Jesus and neglected his opportunity without looking ahead to see where it would end!

Dear sinner, look before you leap! Find out how sin ends before you go on in it!

Here I want to show you from the Word of God how certain sins end. Before you go into these sins, consider whether or not you (Continued on page 8)

GOD HAS NOT BY-PASSED FUNDAMENTALISM

By Rev. I. R. Wall, D.D.
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There are voices in the world crying out that God has by-passed fundamentalism. Those who hold such a view have not explained what they mean by this term. If they mean what the plain language would seem to indicate, then they show either ignorance or dishonesty.

Fundamentalism is the Bible norm of Christianity. It represents belief in certain doctrines, without which the Bible could not have either unity nor authority. This unity and authority must be compatible with its own nature, and therefore divine, eternal, and unchangeable, because that is what it claims for its contents.

This is no arbitrary definition. It is the framework upon which the whole revelatory structure is built. They are not truths to be deduced by speculative philosophy, although they will stand up well, so far as they come under

the tests of metaphysics, pragmatism, or empiricism, but mainly they are truths stated and supported by its total content.

The Fundamentalist Movement Emerged to Defend Fundamental Doctrine

It is necessary to point out that the term "FUNDAMENTALISM" includes a "doctrine" for one thing, and a "movement" for another. We shall try to define both. The first doctrine is the setting forth of those Bible truths which indicate the unity and authority of the Word of God to the individual believer; this may be in keeping with his religious body, the church, or it may be a private matter. It may be a set of doctrines which one may accept or reject.

Of this second phase Dr. C. E. Tulga says:

"Fundamentalism was an interdenominational movement, as men in various denominations holding the fundamental doctrines of the faith gathered themselves together against a common foe. Fundamentalism was not a full-fledged affirmation of the entire range of orthodoxy, as the Scriptures require, but a defense of those doctrines deemed necessary to the integrity of the Christian faith."

The movement has expressed itself in interdenominational organizations, congresses, conferences, publications, and sometimes by denominational support. Essentially it does not lend itself to denomination-making because it does not deal with church polity or the differences which divide evangelical bodies which do not effect the fundamentals, although there are denominations using the name.

As a movement, fundamentalism is an organism expressing its position for something and also against something. It must do both of what it is committed to, for THE BIBLE is clear on its demands.

The beginning of the present-day fundamentalist movement probably was the Niagara group in 1895 which formulated a five-point statement of doctrine.

"Present in this statement were the fundamentals for which universal Christian ac-

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CHRIST and the Scriptures

By Pastor Alan Toms

Links Between the Written and the Living Word of God

ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEETING OF THE BIBLE SPREADING UNION, ENGLAND.

I want us to consider some of the links between the written and the living Word of God. Our meditation may therefore be entitled **CHRIST AND THE SCRIPTURES**. We know from our own experience, and this is why we are so anxious to spread the Bible, that the Book leads us to the Lord Jesus Christ, and when we are brought to Him, we find that He brings us to the Book. "In the volume of the book it is written of me." There is only one Book, and there is only one Person. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the center of the divine revelation. The promises of the first chapters of Genesis center in Christ as also the ultimate fulfillment of the purpose of God revealed in the Book of the Revelation.

Consider for a moment some comparisons between the written and living Word of God. Each is described as the eternal Word that would never pass away. Both reveal to mankind the heavenly message. We use words to express the thoughts of our minds. If I want to convey to you any message, I must clothe my thoughts with words which you can understand. So, too, God has put into words His thoughts, that He might express His mind and His will. We have this in the written Word, and the Lord Jesus Christ is called the living Word because He is the absolute expression of the mind of God.

In a world so distressed as at present, it is a comfort and a joy to our own hearts to remind ourselves of what this Book meant to the Lord Jesus Christ. What did He think of it? What did He do with it? We surely can think no less of it than He thought, and we can do no less with it than He did.

He Knew the Scriptures

First of all, as I read the story of the life of the Lord Jesus, I find that He knew the Scriptures. In His twelfth year He could converse freely with the scribes and doctors of His day. What was the topic of their engrossing conversation? Obviously the Scriptures, the Old Testament which was the whole Bible of His day. Jesus, even as a boy, knew them. After the silent years of Nazareth, He comes into the open, and after His baptism, He is led into the wilderness and there experienced the temptation. Here in the loneliness the Scriptures occupy His mind as He battles with Satan.

In the early part of His ministry, in the Sermon on the Mount, He refers to the writings of Moses again and again. His knowledge and use of the Old Testament reveals His acquaintance with the spirit as well as the letter of the Scriptures. The scribes knew every letter and every word—so much so, that when re-writing or transcribing them they knew if there

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Puzzle fans will be interested in this. This last week there have been approximately 1,500 correct solutions for the Bible crossword puzzle in THE SWORD. Some others sent in the puzzle with some mistakes. We are thankful that the puzzle department is being a blessing to so many.

I have just seen the bookkeeper's figures for the first six months of this year, and up to the first day of September we have had offerings for the puzzle department of \$3,259. Most of that was in dimes. And we appreciate the loyal people who help on this expense. During the same time we spent \$6,778.63 on the puzzle department, including many thousands of pamphlets given away free, postage, and salaries, etc. If our puzzle fans feel like sending along a small offering to take care of the many thousands of fine Christian pamphlets we are sending out, that will be greatly appreciated. But these little books are given free to those who work the puzzles correctly and send them in before the deadline, and there is no obligation except that one may wish to enclose an offering for the puzzles and help us on this heavy expense.

We are delighted that the puzzles are a joy and blessing and Christian entertainment for so many.

Some Conferences You Should Plan to Attend if Possible

In the next few months we will be having conferences in various parts of the country. Here are some conferences which many, we believe, should attend if possible.

November 2-5, I will be at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Dr. E. D. Hettinger, pastor, with other churches co-operating.

On Wednesday, December 3, through Monday, December 8, I am to be at Winnipeg, Canada, at the Alliance Tabernacle, and in the great Christmas rally of Youth for Christ where between two and three thousand are expected to attend. There will also be a meeting of ministers and we look forward to real blessing.

January 11-14, a major Sword conference will be held at the Urban Street Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. Bill Rice, and this editor.

Wednesday, January 15, through Sunday, January 18, we will be in a major conference at Wilson, North Carolina, in the Legion Hall, with Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. Bill Rice, Evangelist Walt Handford, and this editor.

Overlapping those two conferences, Tuesday through Friday, January 13-16, we will have four full days at Durham, North Carolina, in the Armory at night, in a

church in the morning, with some thirteen local pastors co-operating. Speakers will include Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Bill Rice, Evangelist Walt Handford, and this editor.

At these conferences rooms will be provided in homes for out-of-town preachers. We hope to have hundreds of preachers from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and elsewhere.

February 1-6, a major Sword conference will be held at Garland, Texas, Miller Road Baptist Church. Speakers will include Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. Myron T. Cedarholm, Pastor Jack Hyles, and this editor. We should have at least five hundred preachers from many states. Rooms will be provided for out-of-town preachers and their wives. Meals will be available at moderate cost. These six days, Sunday through Friday, should be life-transforming wonderful days. And it will be a great privilege for many preachers and Christian workers to make contacts with the miraculous work God has been doing in Miller Road Baptist Church. The auditorium seats over two thousand.

Help Us Bless Young People and Children With "Kids Korner"

Aunt Joy and the "Kids Korner," a new feature department in THE SWORD OF THE LORD are being well received and there are some lovely letters from boys and girls. The Bible stories, illustrations, and letters and prizes of this department should prove a great spiritual blessing to boys and girls and young people. Will you read "Kids Korner" to little children, call the attention of junior-age children to this happy feature on children's level, and so help us to make friends among the crowd whom we can save now from juvenile delinquency and failure in life if we work together? "Kids Korner" will be read happily by thousands of adults, and will be very popular when youngsters get acquainted with it. Help us, will you?

More "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklets for Portugal

We were happy to have a visitor in the Sword of the Lord offices on October 2, Missionary Magnus Foreid, an Evangelical Alliance missionary, home on furlough from Portugal. Brother Foreid worked with the intermission committee, publishing and distributing some 700,000 copies of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" for us in Portugal. The faithful missionaries did translation, got good printing contracts, and then co-operated in getting out the booklets which have resulted in many being saved.

Brother Foreid came to tell us that missionaries were requesting another printing of 100,000 copies "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and for this they needed \$580 to print the pamphlets on good pa-

per. We felt that was a very worthy object. The missionaries are already familiar with the pamphlet, already have plans for getting them out, and so we felt we could not deny their request. We have promised the \$580 for this printing of 100,000 "What Must I

Do to Be Saved?" pamphlets in Portuguese. Who will send money to pay for this missionary edition of the soul-winning pamphlet? Make your gift to the Sword Free Literature Fund, address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.—THE END



By Aunt Joy

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Just a few weeks ago a missionary to Japan and his family ate Sunday dinner with us. As we sat around the table eating our dinner, the missionary, Dr. Fred Jarvis, told us how hard it was to get missionaries who would go to other lands and tell the people there about the Lord Jesus. He had begged for young people to offer themselves to Christ as missionaries, yet very few had responded. So few people seemed interested in leading others to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Dr. Jarvis said a very surprising thing! He told us that many times the people who become missionaries do so because when they were children they heard the call of God and gave themselves for His service right then.

What he said made me realize that the decisions you make while you are young are very important. You don't have to be grown up to decide to live for Christ and serve Him. In fact, if you wait until you are older to decide this, then perhaps your heart will be hard and you won't care about the things of the Lord. The time to give your life to God is NOW—while you are young.

The Boy Samuel Hears the Call of God

Do you remember the story of Samuel, the great prophet of God? Before he was born, his mother Hannah had no children. How her heart longed for a baby whom she could love and hold in her arms. One day she felt so sad and troubled that she prayed very earnestly in the Temple for God to give her a baby. She said, "Lord, if you will give me a son, then I will give him to You all the days of his life." That day God heard her prayer. The next year, when it was time to go up to the Temple to make the yearly sacrifice, Hannah could not go with Elkanah, her husband, because God had sent a little son to her. She named him Samuel, which meant "asked of God." She told Elkanah that she must wait till Baby Samuel got a little older, and then she would take him up to the Temple and there he would serve the Lord for the rest of his life.

Sure enough, when Samuel got a little bigger, she took him up to Eli, the high priest, at the Temple of God. Hannah explained that God had sent the child in answer to prayer and she said, "Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (I Sam. 1:28). So Samuel stayed in the Temple with Eli, and although he was just a little child, he helped Eli with the work in the Temple. Each year his mother brought him a little coat to wear. Then the Lord sent five other children to Hannah so she would not be lonely.

The Bible doesn't tell us everything that Samuel did in the house of the Lord, but I can guess, can't you? Eli was getting old, and his eyes were not very good anymore, so Samuel probably ran lots of errands for him. It was evidently Samuel's job to open the doors of the Temple each morning. Maybe he helped sweep the floors and keep the lamps lit. The Bible says, "And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men." Samuel worked hard and pleased God and Eli, too.

Samuel had been given to God by his mother. And now he was working in the house of God. Do you think that he needed to hear

God's call himself and give himself to God? You're right! He did! It wasn't enough for his mother to give him to God; it wasn't enough that he worked in God's house; he had to know God himself!

One night Samuel lay down in his bed to go to sleep. Suddenly he heard a voice calling, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel thought that Eli was calling him, and so he ran



into the room where the priest was and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And the old priest said, "No, Samuel, I didn't call you. Lie down and go to sleep."

Once again Samuel went and lay down in his bed. He was just drifting off to sleep when he heard the voice calling again, "Samuel." He jumped up and hurried to Eli's bed. "Here I am, Eli, for you called me." Eli was puzzled. He knew he hadn't called for Samuel. "I didn't call you, Samuel. Go back to bed."

Back into bed went Samuel. A third time he heard the voice calling, "Samuel, Samuel." Just as he had done before, he came to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." This time the priest realized that God was calling Samuel and so he said, "Go lie down, Samuel. This is the Lord calling you. If He calls you again, you must say, 'Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.'"

Samuel went back and lay down. The Lord came and stood by his bed and called him like He had before, "Samuel, Samuel." This time Samuel knew the voice, and was eager to listen and obey the voice of God. He quickly answered, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." Then God told Samuel a dreadful thing. Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of God too, but they were very wicked. They did not love God and they made the people of God sin. God told Samuel that because of the wickedness of Eli's sons, and because Eli did not make them obey and do right, God was going to destroy them and get a faithful priest. Eli and his family would never be able to serve God anymore.

The next morning Samuel was afraid to tell old Eli what God had revealed to him. But when Eli asked him about it, Samuel told him every word that the Lord had said.

From that day, everyone in the land of Israel knew that God had chosen this young boy, Samuel, to be a great prophet of God. A prophet was a man who spoke for God. When God had a message to give to His people, He would tell it to the prophet, and then the faithful prophet would give God's message to the people.

And as Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and the Lord revealed many things to him. God was able to use him in a wonderful way to teach the people God's ways and to give God's messages.

Today God is looking for some children and young folks who will hear His voice and say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." Perhaps God is calling YOU. Do you hear His voice? Are you ready to do what God says?

The Gift of an Indian Chief

In the far west, a missionary was speaking to a group of In-



dians in a tent. He was telling them about the Lord Jesus Christ. As he was speaking, an old Indian chief arose. He walked forward and laid his tomahawk at the missionary's feet. He said, "Indian chief give his tomahawk to Jesus Christ." Then he sat down. The missionary continued to speak, telling of the love of God in Christ Jesus. Rising from his seat the second time, the old Indian chief walked forward. He took his blanket from his shoulders, and laid it at the missionary's feet. He said, "Indian chief give his blanket to Jesus Christ." Again he sat down. The missionary spoke on as he told how God had given the choicest of Heaven's gifts when He sent Jesus Christ to the world to redeem lost men.

Presently, the Indian chief disappeared from the meeting place. By and by, he came back, leading his pony to the tent door. He tied the pony to a stake just outside the tent. Then he walked up to the missionary and said, "Indian chief give his pony to Jesus Christ." Once more, he took his seat. He had given to Jesus all the THINGS he had!

Now, the missionary was telling of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. The old chief had no peace in his heart. Tears began to stream down his bronzed cheek. He stumbled toward the front once more. Kneeling before the missionary, he said with trembling lips, "Indian chief give HIMSELF to Jesus Christ!" Then, glorious peace and happiness flooded his soul!

Of the early Christians in Macedonia, Paul wrote, "And this they did . . . (they) first gave their OWN SELVES to the Lord" (II Cor. 8:5). Have YOU given YOURSELF to the Lord Jesus Christ?

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How Do You Like "Kids Korner"?

I would like to know if you are enjoying "Kids Korner." Would you write me a letter and let me know what you have especially enjoyed and what you would like to see in the future? How did you like the coloring contest and do you want more? I would just love to hear from every one of you. And I would especially like to know how many are reading your copy of "Kids Korner." Why don't you name the people at your house who are reading it. Write me soon. Address Aunt Joy, Kids Korner, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.



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By the Editor

God is graciously blessing and moving the hearts of His people in our effort to raise \$50,000 as capital investment for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, to pay off long-term notes, stop interest payments, and make financially secure this "America's Foremost Revival Weekly." We have again and again in recent months reminded the Lord and reminded ourselves that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24:1), so the Lord will have no trouble in providing the means needed to carry on His work, or touching the hearts of the people whom He wishes to help THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And we are deeply grateful that He is moving hearts. We are willing for THE SWORD OF THE LORD to stand or fall, to prosper or perish solely on the basis of whether or not THE SWORD pleases the Lord and whether He wants the work supported. And all we ask of any Christian is that he simply find the will of the Lord and do in Jesus' name the thing that will honor the Lord Jesus.

Many, many letters and gifts have come to rejoice our hearts and to show that God is moving people to give to this good non-profit work, to which we have given so many years of toil without salary, and many loving and sometimes sacrificial gifts.

A father wrote a tender letter. His beloved son, with whom he had often gone out to witness for Jesus, was killed in an accident. The father sends \$100 of the insurance money, asking if it would be all right to credit the gift to his dear son, and to ask the dear Lord to put the gift down to his son's credit in Heaven! We made out the lovely brown and gold certificate in the name of the son, and we believe and the father believes that the son now in Heaven rejoiced in this help of the work dear to the young man's heart.

A famous Christian leader sent \$500 as a love gift to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He has helped before often and liberally, particularly in our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. Oh, many of the best leaders in America see the need for the solid work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are so grateful for their love and prayers and help.

Evangelist Bob Sumner, contributing editor, out of modest love offerings sent a gift of \$240; \$10 per year for the twenty-four years' service of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We know that this represents his devotion and that of his family to Christ and to evangelism, and the blessed Gospel which he and I seek alike to preach and defend.

A North Carolina pastor's family made up \$100 for "Investment Evangelism" and sent it along with their love. They have helped so often in the past.

We know that God is moving the hearts of many to help this nonprofit Christian work go on, to help our emphasis on evangelism and soul winning, our emphasis on the old-time faith, our warning against modernism and false cults.

A Sample Letter We Greatly Appreciate

As a sample of the kindly, warm-hearted letters we are getting from hundreds, we take the privilege of quoting from a letter written by Rev. Robert C. Gray, Jr., pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. He says:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"It is always a joy and privilege to write you a letter of com-

mendation regarding your great ministry and the marvelous publication which you edit, THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Let me be one of the very first to congratulate you upon the forthcoming 24th anniversary of the greatest revival weekly in the history of American Christianity. How we praise God for the testimony of your ministry and this paper to always remain true to the Word of God regardless of the consequences. Ever since God first called me to preach, I have found THE SWORD OF THE LORD to be an invaluable source of inspiration to encourage my faith in the fundamentals of God's Word and in the basic truths of our Christian faith. God has certainly raised you up with the power and influence for Christ that you have for such a time as this. Personally, you have been a marvelous source of inspiration to my ministry, and I always enjoy hearing you preach with great blessing and profit. Believe me when I tell you that each member of my family and also the members of our church here at Trinity deeply love you and appreciate the noble stand for Christ that you have taken through the years. I want you to know that I count it my privilege and joy to follow your splendid suggestion about making an investment in the cause of Christ and Christian evangelism by enclosing my check for \$24, a dollar for each year of THE SWORD's great testimony and influence, and trust that you will receive this gift in Jesus' name, to further the ministry which God has begun through you and projected forth across the world through the pages of this outstanding Christian publication. Mrs. Gray and I have felt definitely led of God to make this contribution after carefully praying over the matter.

"In the midst of all the criticism that I know you have been receiving from preachers and Christians all over the country, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your firm stand for no compromise with the modernists, and "New Evangelicals" who are seeking to undermine fundamental Christianity by compromising with the enemies of the Bible and the cross! God will vindicate the wisdom and truth of your stand in the days to come, without any doubt whatever. We pray for you constantly and ask God to give you strength and health as you seek to carry on in the great ministry which He has given to you. "Mrs. Gray and the children join me in sending our warmest personal regards to you, Mrs. Rice, and each member of the family, as well as your splendid staff. God continues to bless in a mighty fashion in our work here at Trinity. We praise His name for souls being saved in practically every service."

We appreciate the above letter and a warm-hearted invitation which we have omitted.

Brother Gray says, "Mrs. Gray and I have felt definitely led of God to make this contribution after carefully praying over the matter." And that is all we want people to do, that is, to pray and then do what will please the Lord after seeking His will with a loving and open heart.

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INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By
Contributing Editor
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Walking Circumspectly

Patrick T. Thienes was twenty-two minutes late the other day, but no one especially held it against him. The 73-year-old self-styled, long-distance walking champion had promised to walk from his home in San Diego, California, to Manhattan in sixty-nine days. It took him sixty-nine days, plus twenty-two minutes, but he complained that press agents held him up near the end of the trip and were responsible for the delay. Boasting that this was his seventeenth transcontinental stroll, Thienes said that the last time he tried it, back in 1933, he pulled another man in a rickshaw. It seems that he took to walking in an effort to rebuild his body after a childhood attack of polio.

The Bible has a lot to say about walking. For example, in the book of Ephesians we are told to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith [we] are called" (4:1), to "walk not as other Gentiles walk" (4:17), to "walk in love" (5:1), to "walk as children of light" (5:8), to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (5:15), and to walk in the good works "which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (2:10). Might it be the desire of each "that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory" (1 Thess. 2:12).

Like Father, Like Son

Police arrested Michael O'Kasick for questioning about the part three of his sons played in four fatal shootings, a kidnaping, and a flight from police. They also wanted him for possible parole violation. Two of his sons were dead and the third lay critically wounded at a Minneapolis hospital.

His three sons had killed one policeman and critically wounded another when on their way to rob a grocery store. After hiding out for about a month in a wooded region near Duluth, they decided to "make a break for it," kidnaped a farmer as a hostage, then when trapped by police murdered him in cold blood. In the ensuing battle two of the boys, Roger and Ronald, were slain and the third, James, attempted suicide.

Michael O'Kasick also has a daughter, Joyce, nineteen years old. What about her? The week before her father's arrest she escaped from the Women's State Reformatory at Shakopee, where she was serving a term for forgery.

Example is still one of the most dominant factors in building character. The father who does not want his children to use tobacco must not smoke himself. Parents who have booze in their home should not be surprised if their children turn out to be booze hounds. In a very real sense, our

vestment Evangelism" by that time? I hope so. God's people have enough of His money, besides what He wants them to give to other good Christian causes, to take care of the needs of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and if we each prayerfully do our best to please God, it will be enough, I am sure.

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Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Mr. James E. Thomas, president of The Rodeheaver, Hall-Mack Company, Winona Lake, Indiana, sends us the sad word of the Home-going of B. D. Ackley, their music editor. Mr. Ackley was the composer of many fine gospel songs, was pianist for Rodeheaver and Billy Sunday for years. He went to be with the Lord September 3.

Dr. James McGinlay, the well-known Scottish evangelist, died suddenly in his hotel room in Portland, Oregon, August 22. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage. Memorial services were held on August 27 in his home town of Waco, Texas. He is survived by his beloved widow and four children, two daughters and two sons who are studying for the gospel ministry.

children are what we make them by our example.

Suicides in America

Unbelievable as it may seem, there is at least one attempt at suicide made in the United States during every minute of the day and night around the clock. This means there are approximately 1,440 suicide attempts every twenty-four hours, about 525,600 suicide attempts per year, just in the United States of America. Out of this number of attempts, approximately 15,000 per year are successful.

Dr. Edwin S. Schneiderman of the University of Southern California and Dr. Norman L. Farberow of UCLA spent three years compiling a book of facts about American suicides, now published in a book titled, *Clues to Suicide*. Of the successful suicides, almost one-half are within ninety days of a first, unsuccessful attempt. They stated, "The final act occurs more frequently when the patient seems to be on the way to recovery." The most common suicide age is between 49 and 50, usually among the single, widowed or divorced. Males attempt suicide three times as often as females, and the majority of suicide attempts come from the so-called privileged groups, not those in the lower income brackets.

The greatest preventative for suicide, of course, is a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He and He alone can and does make life worth living for those who follow Him. Isaiah 26:3 expresses it, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." And Philippians 4:7 promises for the individual who in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving makes his request known unto God, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Bite by Rattlesnake Fatal to Snake Cultist

Beckley (West Virginia) "Post Herald" of August 11, reports the death by rattlesnake bite of another member of the Jesus Only Church. She was Mrs. Huffard Payne of Narrows, Virginia. The report stated that she arrived late at the service which was being conducted in Meade. On arrival, she went to the front of the building where the snakes were already out. She took a large snake and "fondled it like a kitten." It was when she tried to hand it over to another member of the group that the snake bit her.

Her children joined with her in refusing to allow a doctor to treat her. When her husband was contacted by phone, he too stated that she had always "lived by faith" and not to have a doctor treat her if she did not want medical help.

Love Unappreciated and Unrealized

For over six years Mrs. Harold Stowe of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has manifested unselfish and sacrificial love toward her husband, yet he apparently has not been conscious of a single thing she has done. It was that long ago that Stowe, an auto shop foreman, Baptist deacon and Sunday School teacher, suffered a ruptured blood vessel which caused sufficient loss of blood to damage his entire system beyond repair. All the ensuing time he has been unconscious and almost every day of that time his wife has been at his bedside.


Mrs. Stowe has prepared the powdered milk and vitamin formula that is his only food, feeds him, turns him over in the bed, and tends to his other needs. He wakes and sleeps, closing and opening his eyes, but he is totally unaware of anything going on about him. His wife feeds him at two hour intervals through a nose tube and turns him to a different position at the same time. The evidence of her love and devotion to her husband has been tremendous.

This sin-cursed world is filled with folk who, like Mr. Stowe, are completely oblivious to the love and devotion showered upon them by the gracious God to whom they are dependent for their very life, breath and being. The greatest evidence of His love was at Calvary (1 John 3:16), but they go on their wicked way, seven days a week, apparently without any regard whatsoever for the greatness of this sacrifice and the depth of His love. To continue rejecting this love is both foolish and fatal.

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SAYS:

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We have received more letters similar to the one from which we have just quoted in recent months than we have ever received any other time in the history of the school. We cannot get away from the feeling that God called Bob

Jones University into existence for this day. He has trained this institution to meet the issues; and, God helping us, we are going to stand, let it cost what it may.

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Questions Answered by The Editor

What is the substitute you recommend to the individual church in the place of the cooperative program?

ANSWER: It would be a mistake for me or for anybody else to recommend that every individual church would take the same program and one that I would suggest or that anybody else would suggest handed down to them. I would answer first, that the independence of the local church as taught in the Scriptures would mean that the church is under no obligation to take a program set up by the denomination or anybody else. Second, the principle of absolute loyalty to Jesus Christ and His Lordship means that the individual person's program and the church's program ought to be settled by fervent prayer to know the will of God. I think the idea that any church could accept a program without finding out if it pleased Jesus Christ and if it were true to Jesus Christ is wholly contrary to the New Testament plan. Therefore I would suggest that every local church should, giving careful attention to suggestions

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by the denomination and the pastor, examine the causes recommended and decide what causes it should raise money for. In my own judgment, such a plan would give more emphasis to actual soul-winning mission work than to schools, hospitals, and the maintenance of the denominational machine or organization. And it would include only causes that are clearly true to Christ and the Gospel without supporting any modernism. If I were pastor of a Southern Baptist church, I would not raise money for any seminary that had Nels Ferre, Emil Brunner, Robert J. McCracken of Riverside Church, New York, as speakers, and required the reading of Nels Ferre's books, and uses a textbook Goodspeed's *Introduction to the New Testament*.

We would not support any Baptist college which legalizes dancing or which has teachers who cast reflection on the integrity of the Bible. But if I were pastor of a local church, I would lead my people in deciding clearly what kind of a program would glorify Christ and be true to Him. Some Southern Baptist causes I could conscientiously support. Some of them I could not and would not.

What is it to know the Lord Jesus personally?

ANSWER: Well, you got acquainted with Christ when you trusted Him as Saviour and committed your soul to Him. But to know Him intimately means long fellowship and particularly it means careful study and meditation in the Word of God day by day.

We see from Philippians 3:10 that Paul sought this, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." So to know Him intimately takes a long fellowship and learning about Him through the Word of God. Even young people who love each other enough to marry still find they get much better acquainted after marriage. And so you get better acquainted with Jesus day by day.

But to know Him in the sense that I meant in that article is to personally trust Him as your Saviour, depending on Him to forgive you and giving your whole heart to Him. That, I trust, you have done.

If Eve had not taken of the fruit, would we have sin in the world today?

ANSWER: It is true that sin came into the world through Eve and Adam. However, if Eve had not sinned in that particular matter, it seems likely that the freedom of the will which God gave man and the temptation to evil which the Devil puts about people would have led to sin in some other way. God wants only voluntary service. It would not give God any pleasure to have human beings to be like a phonograph record, saying, "I love the Lord," "I love the Lord." There could be no mind, heart, conscience, and will that go to make up a human being if one were not free so he could sin.

We must remember that one is lost only because of his own sin. First Corinthians 15:22 teaches that Adam's sin is already paid for.

Can a Christian be demon-possessed?

ANSWER: The Bible does not tell of any case where a Christian was demon-possessed. I think that evil spirits may mislead a Christian and influence a Christian so that we need to "try the spirits" (I John 4:1). But since there are no Bible cases of demon possession as far as I know, and no warnings that a Christian may become demon-possessed, I do not believe we should use that term. The Holy Spirit always dwells in the body of a Christian, and of course at the rapture He will see to the miraculous change and the taking up of every Christian's body.

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God Has Not By-passed . . .

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ceptance was demanded, namely, (1) The inerrance of the Scriptures, (2) the deity of Christ, (3) The virgin birth of Christ, (4) the substitutionary atonement of Christ, (5) His resurrection and future bodily return."—*What is Right About Fundamentalism*, by John F. Walvoord.

Later other doctrines were added to those given above; such doctrines as the necessity of the new birth, the reality of Heaven and Hell after death, the personality and ministry of the Holy Spirit, and so forth, although these several doctrines could have all been established by the acceptance of the original five.

The Essential Doctrines of Fundamentalism

In support of these points, Scriptures were placed which could not be explained away; acceptance or rejection of them was necessary. We have space to give only a few Scriptures here to illustrate what we mean.

(1) *The inerrancy of the Scriptures*: "Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear" (Ezek. 2:10, 11).

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuf-

Lifelong Influence of Bad Books

Twenty-five years ago, when I was a boy, a schoolfellow gave me an infamous book, which he lent me for only fifteen minutes. At the end of that time it was returned to him, but that book has haunted me like a spectre ever since. I have asked God on my knees to obliterate that book from my mind, but I believe that I shall carry down with me to the grave the spiritual damage I received during those fifteen minutes.—Rev. John Angell James.

fering and doctrine"; "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven"; "Thy word is truth"; "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away"; "Thus saith the Lord"; "All scripture is given by inspiration, and is profitable . . ."; "God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." That is the Word of God. Scores of passages make the same declarations.

(2) *The deity of Christ*: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"; "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"; "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness"; "God was manifest in the flesh." The whole range of Scripture identifies Christ as God.

(3) *The virgin birth of Christ*. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

(4) *The substitutionary atonement of Christ*: "Christ died for the ungodly"; "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." "The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin."

(5) *His resurrection and bodily return*: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden by it." "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins

according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Any Honest Fundamentalist Cannot Make Peace With Enemies of This Essential Christian Faith

These are the fundamentals of the Word of God, and the movement is committed to belief in them and to oppose that which denies them.

Now there are some things that need to be cleared up. There are those who say they hold to fundamentalism in their belief, but wanting to exercise love, they refuse to oppose its enemies. To the extent that they fail to speak according to the Word of the Lord, they give aid and comfort to the enemy. In other words, they are now no longer in a positive position. The Scriptures are unmistakably clear on this matter. God's people had to speak for something and against something. All Scripture bears this out.

This position is constantly attacked by liberalism. Fundamentalists are called reactionaries, bigoted, dogmatic—anything and everything that sounds bad. That is not all: the fundamentals of the Bible are equally ridiculed.

There is nothing reactionary about Bible fundamentalism. God's Word is progressive, and its processes are right up to the minute in its interpretation of the times. As a matter of fact, the Bible has always been centuries ahead of the times through the voices of its prophets. Only the Bible holds the answers for the world of tomorrow. Today science is prostrate with fear of what the world will be like tomorrow, because it has nothing sure to hold on to, but God gives us words of assurance that will not mislead us. God knows the future. The Bible is up to date.

To the fundamentalists the Bible is the essence of unity, truth, authority, and revelation as it is given from the mind of God, and that it is the only such written contractual document in existence.

The Bible Truthfulness and Authority the Central Issue

The emphasis we need to make here is upon its truthfulness and authority which relates to those basic doctrines which have been indicated. The Bible puts its own emphasis upon them. A denial of the truthfulness of the Bible and a rejection of its authority as the Word of God, which it declares itself to be, is to reject the whole position of fundamentalism. That men, religious men, do this, is indicated in the Scriptures themselves, and certainly witnessed in the world today.

"God Has Not By-Passed Fundamentalism." What would God do to by-pass fundamentalism? He would, first of all, reject His own revelation; and second, He would desert those men who had dedicated themselves to the proclamation of the truth of the Word. Did God do that?

Some Fearful or Weak Leave the Battle: So What?

But it is contended that many who once stood for fundamentalism have now left that camp and have become mere evangelicals. Does this prove that God has deserted the fundamentalists? We can rightfully assume that a large number of men have left the fundamentalist camp, but we have no direct declaration to what extent the doctrines and authority of the Scriptures have been rejected. This really has no bearing upon what God has done, but rather it is indicative of God's sovereignty in that He let a multitude of weaklings get out before the greater battles get under way. For the battle ahead is certainly going to be much more decisive than any of the past.

The story of Gideon is likely to be repeated in the history of the church of our day. Gideon started with twenty-two thousand men on hand and ten thousand in reserve but was trimmed down to three hundred. The logic of Gideon would have been to not

only keep all the men he had, but to draft more. But God thought otherwise. God does not work by numbers. He wants the right kind of men, be they great or small, many or few. GOD HAS NOT BY-PASSED FUNDAMENTALISM. He is culling out the doubtful. There are too many incidents pointing the way to final and culminating events which will involve the church and the truth and the authority of God who is going to speak from Heaven, not in great number but by men of great convictions.

There are deep and abiding realities that lend their voices in support of a positive message by God through His loyal people. The challenge of a materialistic, scientific age defies God more threateningly than did the people of Babylon, the colossal daring of the educational system which, though born out of the church and Christian frugality, now literally mocks the God of revelation, exalts the ego in every sphere of life, strives to build an ungodly civilization and extends it to the undeveloped countries, and disregards even death itself. All these, God will not forget. He will not defeat them with men who are not committed to His truth and authority. He will use men who will stand, not on their scholarship, but on their loyalty to Christ and all that the Gospel stands for.

If men who are outstanding, even in the eyes of orthodoxy, leave the fundamentalist camp, we need not take it as a loss but as a purging which portends greater things ahead. Those men who are purged or purge themselves do not rise to higher purposes, but those who stand true

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I went to New York, and worked as a mechanic for a year or two, and when I came back I found they had allowed something to stand against the tree and so it has always had that crook." And so I thought it was with the influence

upon children. If you allow anything to stand in the way of moral influence against a child on this side or that side, to the latest day of its life on earth and through all eternity it will show the pressure. No wonder Lord Byron was bad. Do you know his mother said to him, when she saw him one day limping across the floor with his unsound foot: "Get out of my way, you lame brat!" What chance for a boy like that!—Talmage.

Death of Children

I think our dying children go to Christ. I have been called to give up dear ones. Not once nor twice, nor thrice alone, but many times. I have sent my children on before me. Once, wading knee-deep in the snow, I buried my earliest. It was March, and dreary and shivering and awful; and then the doctrine that Christ sat in an eternal summer of love, and that my child was not buried, but had gone up to One that loved it better than I, was the only comfort I had.—Beecher.

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Two pastors report good meetings held by **EVANGELIST GLEN SCHUNK**, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. Harry E. Walmer, pastor of the Calvary Community Church, Statesville, North Carolina, reports that in a revival held by Brother Schunk in his church there were 15 saved, 9 rededications, and 22 dedications for soul winning. The pastor was especially impressed by Evangelist Schunk's fervency for lost souls. Rev. Don Howard, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Sheldon, Iowa, also reports a good meeting held by Brother Schunk. He does not give any specific figures as to the number of conversions in a meeting held September 21-28.

EVANGELIST JACK VAN IMPE, 14 Gage Street, Pontiac 16, Michigan, recently closed a meeting in the Sunny Vale Chapel in Pontiac, Michigan, where Rev. Jim Parker is pastor. During the eight-day revival there were 47

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Christ and the Scriptures

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was a word missing, because they had them all at their finger-tips. The Lord Jesus knew the *Spirit* as well as the letter.

When the disciples of John came from Jerusalem, Jesus answered with the Scriptures; when speaking of His future suffering and the glory that should follow, He quoted from His Bible with such authority that His listeners were astonished and wondered where He could have gained such knowledge. His mind was steeped with the Word of God. In the course of His ministry He referred to twenty Old Testament characters and quoted from nineteen Old Testament books. He spoke of the creation of man, of the institution of marriage, of the death of Abel. He referred to the days of Noah, the destruction of Sodom, the history of Abraham, the appearance of God in the burning bush to Moses. He mentioned the manna in the wilderness, and spoke of the miracle of the brazen serpent. He referred to the wanderings of David and the glory of Solomon. He spoke of the ministry of Elijah and the prophets that followed him, and in the three years He covered the whole span of history by quoting or referring to all the parts of the Old Testament Scriptures. Certainly He knew His Bible.

He Fulfilled the Scriptures

He knew the Scriptures from a child, but He knew them in a particular sense, for He came to fulfill them. "In the volume of the book it is written of me." The Old Testament is clearly a book of promise. This promise is centered in a Person; that Person is the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament is the revelation of the fulfillment of the Old. Christ's teaching fulfilled the Scripture. His doctrine was based on Scripture. His work, His aims, His whole life and every part of His ministry was based upon Scripture, for He came to fulfill them.

The Book of Genesis opens with the promise of a delivering seed while the words of Malachi, reminding us of the coming conquering King, conclude the Old Testament. The Lord fulfills this, for Matthew describes the birth of the Seed, and the Patmos Revelation completes the picture of the wonderful bliss under the victorious, reigning King. If we were to go through the Gospels, and we will very briefly in our thoughts, we come first of all to the account of His miraculous birth—that the prophecy of Isaiah might be fulfilled. His flight into Egypt fulfilled the words of Hosea. The Old Testament even gave the very place of His birth. In bringing relief to the afflicted in body, He fulfilled, Matthew tells us, the prediction in Isaiah 53—"He took our infirmities and bore our sickness." When asked why He taught in parables, Jesus answered, "That the Scriptures might be fulfilled." Furthermore, He preached to the Gentiles in fulfillment of ancient promises. His entry into Jerusalem was graphically foretold by Zechariah who also prophesied that the Shepherd would be smitten and the sheep would be scattered. How true this was, His cry on the cross echoed the words of the psalmist, and even the betrayal by Judas fulfilled the Scripture. After the resurrection, the Lord Jesus removed the veil and opened the eyes of the disciples, and so for the first time they understood something of the full meaning of His mission as Saviour, fulfilling all that had been written of Him.

May I say in passing that if these passages of Scripture have been so literally fulfilled, are we

not right in expecting a literal fulfillment of those prophecies concerning His Second Coming?

He Loved the Scriptures

Not only did He know the Scriptures and fulfill them, but He loved them. "O how love I thy law!"—How true of the Lord Jesus. As Lord of Glory, He had watched the gradual growth of the Old Testament Canon; it pleased Him for it prepared the way for His first coming. He loved the Word of God, because it was a witness to the love of His Father. Nature expressed divine power and majesty; Revelation expressed divine love and mercy. Here was the only message of salvation for the world. Here was the only revelation of God's love, mercy and grace, and it was for this reason Jesus loved the Scripture of truth. Thousands before His advent had been brought to a place of repentance and faith, looking forward to the coming One. Jesus loved the Old Testament, too, because it spoke of His glory. Read again at your leisure the passages relating to the week preceding the crucifixion and see how the mind of the Lord Jesus turned to the Old Testament promises concerning His coming glory.

He Used the Scriptures

In every type of conversation, and in every situation, Jesus used the Scriptures. When people came to Him with their problems and difficulties He asked, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" His attitude was always, "What saith the Scripture?" When people expressed doubts that God would judge the world Jesus settles the issue by citing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; and when they asked what authority He had for His works, He claimed His authority by using the Old Testament Scriptures. When Nicodemus came seeking the way of salvation, Jesus preached the Gospel from the Old Testament. He used them wherever He went and whatever He was doing in dealing with men and women. Indeed, He made it clear that we have in the Word of God all we need, so that we are without excuse. You will remember the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man asked that Lazarus might be sent with a message that his own brethren might repent. Then the Lord put upon the lips of Abraham the solemn words, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one should rise from the dead." The Old Testament left them without excuse.

In relation to His disciples He used the Scriptures: He explained why He was speaking in parables by quoting from Isaiah. Again and again while on the Mount of Olives with His disciples He referred to the Old Testament prophets, particularly the prophet Daniel, and when the disciples were unable to understand the mystery of His coming sorrow and suffering, the Lord Jesus reminds them that He must go to Jerusalem and that the things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished . . . This, says the Lord Jesus, is all done that the Scripture might be fulfilled. When Peter would have taken the sword and held back those who came to take the Lord Jesus, Christ's own answer was "No! I must go, as it is written in the Scriptures": "I could call angels from heaven . . . but how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled?" And so the whole way through His life He taught from the Scriptures and He used them. Even after the resurrection He used them; to the aged disciple

John in prison on Patmos. He speaks from the Scriptures concerning His work and the things that must surely come to pass.

Notice, too, how He used the Scriptures when in conflict with the Devil—in the hour of temptation He said, "It is written . . ."

There was no answer from the Enemy. He could not turn round and say, "Oh! Yes! But that is in the Old Testament. We don't accept that now." Satan knew that it was God's Word and he withdrew.

Jesus Believed the Scriptures

He claimed to be the eternal God, knowing all things. He must have known if anything was to be added to it or taken from it, or if it was not really reliable, but there is not the slightest hint that He warned of supposed errors in the Old Testament. He must have done this if they were there, but whenever He referred to Scripture or quoted from it, He inspired utmost confidence that here we have the Word of God, the message of salvation.

"Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Hear Him on another occasion: "The Scripture cannot be broken." Or again: "That all things which are written may be fulfilled." Yet again He said, "All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me." In the last reference, the Lord Jesus refers to the three-fold division of the Old Testament, thus embracing them all, and sealing them with His own authority.

He condemned the disciples because they did not believe or understand. "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." So everywhere the Lord inspires confidence in the Word of God. In His teaching and in His arguments, His authority was always the Word of God. We shall stand or fall as we rest upon this Book. He based His arguments upon chapters, verses, words, and even upon tense of a word to bring home His point.

Now in conclusion, may we learn from our Lord's attitude to the oracles of God? *He knew them in His mind and heart; He fulfilled them by His life, His birth, His ministry, His death, His resurrection and His ascension. He used them to confound His critics, to silence Satan and to teach and comfort His own disciples. He used the Scriptures when in prayer to His Heavenly Father. He believed them through and through, and promoted confidence in them.*

What God has said must be fulfilled.

On this firm rock believers build. His Word shall stand; His truth prevail, And not one jot or tittle fail.

For our part, we are privileged to know and to love and use them because we believe them, and may our prayer ever be

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—Copied from *The Christian Beacon*

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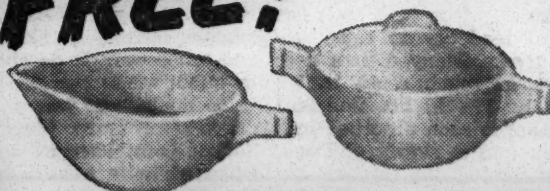
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In his statement Mr. MacNeal explained that the "board of directors has periodically considered

the subject of alcoholic beverage advertising and has formulated its policies with due regard to evaluation of the customs of the times in general and of the audiences of our magazines in particular.

"The change in the advertising policy of *The Saturday Evening Post* is deemed to be appropriate at this time and compatible with the viewpoint of the vast majority of its present and potential audience."

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change Curtis Publishing Company shares rose by \$1.62½ for the day after the announcement.

The Post, at the present time, has a circulation of six million a week, the largest in its history. Other magazines in the country which do not accept liquor advertisements are *Reader's Digest*, *TV Guide*, *National Geographic*, *American Home*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Woman's Day* and *Household*.

The decision of *The Post* means that the liquor interests with their most attractive and carefully studied advertising approach will have access to at least six million homes. This is a further commentary on the general decline in morals which is being reflected in many ways in the United States.

—From *Christian Beacon*

God Has Not By-passed . . .

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to their posts do. The road to compromise is easy, but the road to loyalty is rewarding with God.

If fundamentalism fails, then what kind of a world have we? Ultimate truth, revealed and inspired truth, is not admissible by liberalism. It also rejects authority. If you have neither truth nor authority, such as fundamentalism requires, then you have nothing to offer to a world which is already despairing with its agnosticism and speculation. Words of truth and authority are now the crying need of the world. God has not left us without them.

Truth and authority stand for something and against something, in the individual as in the group. The truth of God is for God's program which He has revealed

in His Scriptures and against all that Satan's program is for. There is always a battle on between the two, and there is no compromise. Total destruction of one or the other is the ultimate goal. God, whom we recognize as all-powerful, will not be destroyed; therefore Satan's forces will be. It is on this basis that we choose sides. Fundamentalism makes this clear.

Men Who Attack the Movement Discredit God's Truth

There is a movement on today to discredit the *FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENT*, but the effect of the onslaught is in reality on the fundamentals themselves. Charges that fundamentalism has no social context, or that

"At the Last . . ."

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want to land where they will eventually take you.

I. The End of the Sin of Drink

What a fascination there is about alcoholic drink! The sense of luxury of expensive, bubbling champagne! The hilarity of the cocktail party! The pleasant warmth of the toddy, the stimulation of brandy, the convivial sociability of beer!

Fortified by liquor, the timid man becomes bold. The wallflower becomes, she thinks, the wittiest conversationalist! After a few drinks, every joke is funny, every remark is brilliant. The casual stranger becomes a bosom friend. Sorrows are forgotten for the moment. Conscience troubles no more. Marriage ties, holy vows, honest responsibilities all lose their hold under the influence of drink. So one seems to be more carefree. People seem friendlier, life seems gayer. Satan offers many attractions in alcoholic drink.

But wait! How will it end? Without a little thought, no sensible man or woman should embark on a course of action that may have disastrous results. See what the Word of God, which never fails, says about alcoholic drink:

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:31, 32.

True enough, the red wine is beautiful in the tall-stemmed glass. True enough, there is a thrill, a "kick" in the first stages of intoxication. But wait! The wine is the color of blood, and that ought to warn you that it ends in death. "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," says the Word of God!

Alcohol is a poison. The human body naturally rebels against it. The stomach, not accustomed to drink, vomits out the poison which has no normal place nor use in the human body. Just as the body has a natural tendency to vomit out poison food, so it has a natural tendency to reject alcoholic drinks. Many a man does not have as much sense in his head as he has in his stomach! The alcohol is soon absorbed into the blood and is slowly oxidized, the odor coming out through the breath. Alcohol first stupefies the higher brain centers. The brain relaxes control in the area of moral inhibitions. What would sound profane a few minutes ago now sounds funny. The suggestion that was indecent some time ago now seems, to the brain which is beginning to be stupefied by a very small amount of alcohol, to be very reasonable. The man who drinks would commit adultery under the influence of liquor when he would not commit the same sin sober. The girl who drinks will permit familiarities and enter into sin that would make her shudder if she were sober. The higher brain centers that control moral sense and responsibility are deadened first by alcohol.

Then muscular control begins to slacken. A man cannot see accurately. Tests show that a man with two glasses of beer is not nearly as good a marksman with a rifle as before he drank. The man with two or three glasses of beer in his stomach begins to be a very unsafe driver. He may feel that he drives better, but actually he drives much worse. He has

no sense of danger, no sense of moral responsibility, and his foot is slower on the pedal and his hand is slower on the steering wheel.

Next, alcohol may deaden the brain enough to bring unconsciousness and the man is dead drunk. Or if he has a little more alcohol, he has enough to deaden the involuntary muscular reactions of the body. A certain percentage of alcohol in the blood stupefies the nerve centers that control breathing; the drunk stops breathing and dies.

But many a man or woman drinks only moderately for years. Many drink who have never been drunk. Are such people to deny themselves what pleasure they get out of drinking, when they do not lose control of themselves as some others do and become drunkards? The answer is not as simple as that. If it takes eight glasses of beer to make a man drunk (and it takes less than that for some people), then the man who has one glass is one-eighth drunk. The man who has two glasses is one-fourth drunk. And no man one-fourth drunk is safe as an engineer of a passenger train, safe to drive an automobile down the road, or safe to handle a steam shovel or a drill press or a welding torch. No girl who is one-fourth drunk is safe in the presence of sex temptation. The man who would not gamble without drinking will gamble when he is one-fourth drunk. And the man who never intended to take more than two glasses of beer can be tempted to take more when he is already one-fourth drunk!

You see, one lie is not as bad as eight lies, but it is still a lie! And a man with one glass of beer in his system may not be in as great a danger as the man with eight glasses of beer in his system, but he is still drunk enough to kill somebody with his car, drunk enough to say things he would not say if he were sober, drunk enough to make the wrong decisions, drunk enough to take another drink if the temptation comes strongly. Wine is still a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

No doubt Lot was a moderate drinker for many years down in Sodom. Only when calamity came, when his wife turned to a pillar of salt, when his married daughters burned to death in Sodom, when his property was all destroyed, did Lot succumb to temptation. His worldly daughters then could get him drunk. But the only people who ever become drunkards are the moderate drinkers. So, as the nineteenth chapter of Genesis tells us, Lot the moderate drinker became Lot the drunkard, and was guilty of incest with his own daughters and brought upon himself unspeakable shame.

And besides the danger to the one who drinks, there is the horrible danger to his loved ones. Many a man has kept whisky in his home and has drunk a moderate toddy daily without many immediate bad effects. But such men often find later that their sons turn out to be drunkards. They do not have the protection of strong convictions against drink, and the example of their fathers leads them into the clutches of this terrible temptation.

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it does not meet one current problem or another is completely groundless. Just because the movement has not entered into the heat of labor legislation, racial integration, or the dozen or so issues in a secular manner, it is charged that it has not met the need of the hour. Such a charge borders on ignorance. No body of people is more thoroughly committed to right social conditions than are the fundamentalists. But it believes that all these abnormal conditions must be corrected from the Christian standpoint, that is, by changing the heart first. Of course there are certain phases of our social life which should be corrected but which do not come under the direct concern of the fundamental movement.

As for liberalism, it is very doubtful that it has made any contribution to social betterment. Most of its energies have been directed towards socialism of one

kind or another; and whether there is any good in any of it is certainly debatable, but it is certain that much harm is in most of it.

Today the forces of evil are busier than ever attacking two great documents. They are the Bible and the Constitution of the United States. Both speak clearly for something and also against something. These two great documents, or rather the principles they espouse, hold a tottering world together. It is not the crowd that attacks the constitution that holds this country together, but those who stand unconditionally for its defense. It is not the liberal crowd of debaters and speculators, though they be many, that holds the church together, but the people who stand loyally by the whole counsel of God, though they be few. One man on God's side is worth more than all the world against Him. This is a time when

God calls for a man to stand for what is right, no matter what the cost.

There is a broad base upon which fundamentalism rests. Entering into its structure is the great doctrine of atonement, the bases upon which man is redeemed or condemned, the responsibility of the Christian, especially the ministry, the church's mission and responsibility toward a dying world, its authority to speak for God, its message of God's plan for the ages, the sure expectancy of the judgment, both for the saints and the ungodly, and to make it clear that God, Satan, Heaven and Hell are eternal and real and that man is responsible for his decisions.

The highest authority is given to the church, the movement, and individuals who are committed to the truth and authority of the Word of God, and God will sustain them. FUNDAMENTALISM IS THE ONE CLEAR VOICE IN

THE WORLD TODAY, AND THERE IS NONE OTHER. The ecumenical movement is the essence of confusion and compromise and represents no principles of any value whatsoever. It is the antithesis of truth and authority.

Fundamentalism can speak only where God speaks; it can only accept what God accepts. It rests only on the power of God. Whenever men leave that position, they are not fundamental. They may bear the name, but not possess its message. As long as God will move in the world with truth and authority, He will not leave the movement that stands by them. GOD HAS NOT BY-PASSED FUNDAMENTALISM.

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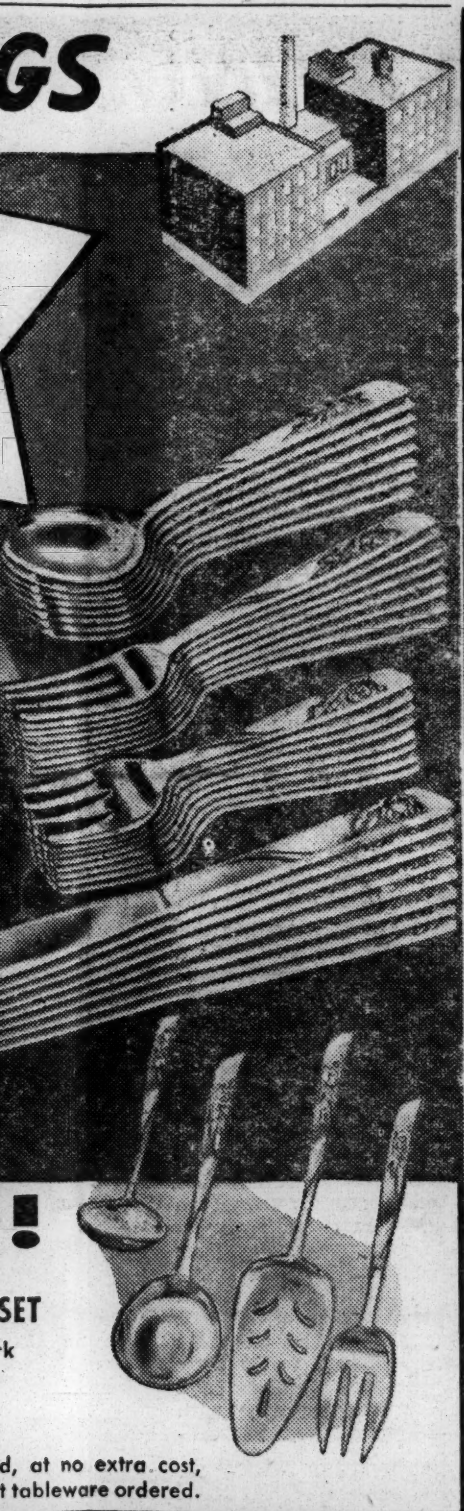
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to become a drunkard? Let me ask you, Do you suppose any man or woman in the world ever expected to become a drunkard? No, "Wine is a mocker." It is deceiving. If Satan told anybody, "I am going to make you into a drunkard, with the loss of all that life holds dear; I will take away your power to hold a job, take away the love of your wife, take away the respect of your children, take away your means of support, take away your health; I will cause you to be buried in a pauper's grave and wake up in a drunkard's Hell!"—I say, if Satan told anybody that, he could never get them to drink. So I beg you in Jesus' name, stop and think! Find out how drink ends before you begin it! Remember, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

II. The End of Sex Sin

Proverbs 5:3-5 is a startling Scripture. How well it portrays the deceitfulness of sin and the bitter end of it!

"For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."

The Bible here plainly recognizes the fascination of a fallen woman. Her lips "drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smooth-

er than oil." The woman who goes into sin may be young. She may be beautiful. Her smile is friendly, her lips are soft, her body stirs the blood. Is not sex desire a natural desire, after all? But before you go into sin remember—it has to end somewhere! And here is the way the Bible says a fallen woman ends: "Her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell." The same warning is repeated in Proverbs 7:25-27:

"Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death."

How fair and plain is God's warning! The fallen woman has cast down many wounded. Many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to Hell! So God's Word plainly teaches. And the bitter experience of millions proves that the Word of God is true.

There is always an attraction about forbidden fruit. That is part of the sinful, perverted, fallen nature of wicked mankind. So Proverbs 9:17 says about the fallen woman and about the forbidden pleasures: "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." That is quoted from the mouth of the fallen woman; but God answers back in Proverbs 9:18, "But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell."

Sinner, before you try the lips

the baby was the brand and mark and proof and outcome of her sin.

Does any girl in the world want to turn out like that? Dear girl, if you knew that that was at the end of the road, would you go into sin? Would you dally with temptation in necking and petting and the lewd movie and the indecencies permitted on the dance floor? Would you? If you knew it would end with an illegitimate baby, a broken heart, a ruined name, and the wreck of your hopes for a happy marriage and a happy home, would you go on and trifle with sex sin? In Jesus' name, I beg you, consider how it will end before you go on in such sin. Remember that the Bible says, "Her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword."

III. The End of Ill-Gotten Money

Everybody needs money. Money buys food, buys necessary clothing, buys shelter. With money people educate their children, support the work of God, care for the poor. Everybody needs money.

And yet, strangely enough, this is the greatest temptation, the source of the most prevalent sin. First Timothy 6:8-10 says:

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

We should be content with food and raiment. Covetousness is a great sin. People who want to be rich fall into temptation and a

very poor aim in life. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition," says I Timothy 6:9. Some who coveted after money "have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," says the next verse. Before anybody sets out to make much money, or to put money-making as a ranking motive in life, he should very carefully consider the terrible disappointments, the enslavement and the price one must pay for making money first in his life.

I saw a great mansion standing on a half city block, in one of the principal cities of America. It was built of the most expensive brick. The floors were the finest hardwood. The doors were solid mahogany, three inches thick! The walls were covered with beautiful tapestry. There was an elaborate and expensive bath for every bedroom. Even the servants' quarters were a seven roomed mansion. The building, I understand, cost some \$250,000. The lot itself was worth many thousands of dollars. Yet I was surprised to find that the man who dreamed it, built it, and lived in it, sold it for \$30,000. His wife died. His daughter married a drunken profligate. Then the poor man with a broken heart wanted to get out of the place that reminded him of the happiness which had fled away. The man who puts money first in his life, "at his end shall be a fool," says the Word of God.

In Luke 12:16-34, Jesus tells the story of a man who was a fine farmer, thrifty, intelligent, progressive. His crops turned out so well that he had to tear down his old barns and build greater. He stored up enough goods to last him many years, and said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But Jesus said that God said to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Jesus added, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Before you set your heart on money, remember that it cannot buy happiness, it cannot buy health, it cannot buy love, it cannot buy Heaven. How poor is the man who has money but does not have peace! How poor is the man who is rich in this world's goods, then goes to Hell! Before anybody sets out to enjoy prosperity and sets his heart upon things of this world, let him remember that at his end he is likely to be a fool in God's sight.

O reader, look where the road ends before you start to travel it!

IV. The End of Worldly Pleasure

"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth," says I Timothy 5:6. Those who live for pleasure will find that life is not worth living. Proverbs 14:13 says, "Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness." Any good time the Devil gives ends in sorrow. Any fair promise the Devil makes is a lie. And Satan never was more deceitful than when he promised pleasure in sin. At the very time a sinner is trying to enjoy life the most, his heart is sorrowful, "and the end of that mirth is heaviness."

The prodigal son who gathered all together and went into a far country and wasted his substance with riotous living thought he would have a wonderful time. He had everything, he thought, to make him enjoy life. He had money. He had no restrictions on his conduct. He could drink if he wanted to. There was no father at hand to rebuke him. He could waste his living with harlots if he wanted to. The elder brother was not there to criticize. It appeared that he had lots of friends. But the road of pleasure, the primrose path, the way of wine, women, and song, led to a hogpen and poverty and a disillusioned heart.

You do not always come, physically, to the hogpen before you know that the pleasure of the world, the pleasure of sin, does not end happily. It is a surprising fact that nearly all the suicides are people who have drunk from the cup of pleasure down to the

very dregs. People who drink, who dance, who enjoy worldly pleasures, soon find that there is no real peace of heart in it all. The end of that mirth is heaviness.

I drove into a filling station in Dallas, Texas, and said to a man, "How are you today?"

He answered, "If you honestly want to know, I feel like a nut and a fool. If there ever was a man who has made a fool out of himself, I am that man."

When I inquired what his trouble was, he said, "Last night I got my pay for the week. I went out and got drunk. When I woke up this morning, I did not have a penny left. I have no money for my meals. I cannot pay my room rent to my landlady. My head is nearly bursting with pain. My conscience torments me. I wasted a week's wages, I lost the respect of good people and my own self-respect, now I have a splitting headache and a guilty conscience. I am the prize fool of the whole town!"

His "good time" didn't end up happily. "The end of that mirth is heaviness."

When I was pastor at Shamrock, Texas, a young woman was brought to see me who had threatened suicide. When I talked to her, she said, "Brother Rice, life is not fit to live! I wish I were dead! I still have half a mind to kill myself. There is not anything that can really make me happy. My father gave me a good education. I have had the pleasure of travel. I have had good musical training. I belong to the Country Club crowd. I have danced, I have drunk cocktails, I have done everything else that a decent, nice girl would do. But I am miserable. There is nothing in the world that can make you happy. I have tried everything—clothes, social life, travel, music—and life is not fit to live. I wish I were dead!"

"I know how you can be happy," I said. "I know where you can find peace and joy and satisfaction."

"If you know, I wish you would tell me," she said. "I have never found anything that ended happily. You may think you are having a good time for a little bit, but at last you have only an aching heart and no peace. If you know a way to be happy, I wish you would show me," she said.

"Let us kneel right here in this living room and you tell the Lord what you have told me. Tell the dear Lord Jesus that the sinful pleasure has not brought you any happiness, that it always deceives and leaves you embittered and empty. Tell Him that all Satan's promises are clouds without rain, are cisterns that can hold no water; that all his promises are lying deceits that cannot satisfy the heart. And ask Jesus Christ to come in and forgive and save you and make you happy. Put your trust in Him and He will do it."

We knelt together. She sobbed while I prayed. Then in her own quiet way she put her trust in Jesus, and, subdued but quietly peaceful, she took my hand and claimed Him. She went away with peace and joy that the world cannot give.

Oh, do not think that I am against a good time. Do not think that I am trying to take away the happiness of young people. I want you to be happy. But I want you to have the kind of happiness that will still be good tomorrow! I want you to have a good time, but fifty years from now I want you to still be having a good time. I want the kind of happiness that lasts on a million years from now, into eternity.

Anybody in the world is silly who will start out to have a good time without seeing how it will end. If your good time ends in a drunk, with a besmirched name, a soiled character, and an aching heart, then it is not much of a good time. If your good time ends with a hardened heart and a calloused, embittered attitude toward life, it is not a good time. If your good time ends, like that of the prodigal son, in a hogpen in famine time, then surely you do not want it.

Dr. Bob Jones, in a chapel talk at Bob Jones University, said, "Happiness is not something that you find by seeking for it. Happiness is something that you stumble over on the road of duty." Oh,

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of the harlot, before you enjoy her embrace, remember that her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as the twoedged sword. Remember that her feet go down to death, and her steps take hold on Hell! Remember that her guests are in the depths of Hell.

In Fort Worth, Texas, a man called me to come to see him in his hotel room. "I am about to go to Hell!" he said. It was eleven o'clock at night, but I went. I found him half dressed, with a pint of liquor beside him, and a gun under his pillow. Lust had brought the ruin of everything dear. He had wasted the inheritance left him by his father, wasted it with evil women. He had broken the heart of the beautiful girl who married him, and she had now left him. He had lost his job over drink and wicked women. Now his body was possessed by a horrible disease so that the family physician refused him the privilege of a good-bye kiss for his own six-year-old boy whom he would see no more! So he made one last date with a harlot to meet him at midnight, planned to drink the booze, then blow his brains out!

Does any sensible man want to come to an end like that? What a fool a man is to trifle with sin before stopping and checking up on how it will end! Sex sin ends in broken hearts, ruined homes, defiled bodies, a curse on children yet unborn, in premature death and then in Hell!

Years ago my wife and I went to a hospital to visit a girl only fifteen years old. She came from a good family. In the hospital we talked with this girl, who had an attractive face and form and beautiful red hair. She was bitter, disillusioned, hopeless. As we waited in the hospital room, the nurse brought the fifteen-year-old her little illegitimate baby to nurse. At once she put a towel over her face. She had never seen her baby, had sworn she would never see it, would never look upon it. She hated the baby because

snare and lead people to Hell. The love of money is the root of all evil. Instead of the root, the Scripture would be better translated, "For the love of money is a root of all evil." And those who are covetous err from the faith, find themselves backslidden from God, and pierce themselves through with many sorrows. So says the Word of God!

Every kind of sin in the world may be committed by one who is covetous. For love of money, a man will steal. For love of money, a man will sell liquor that damns people, body and soul. For love of money, a girl will sell her body and virtue. For love of money, Lot moved down into Sodom, leading to his own moral breakdown, and leading to the eternal damnation of his children. Covetousness is a terrible sin. Reader, you had better see where covetousness ends before you let this horrible sin enslave your soul, before you begin to make money-making first in your life.

Jeremiah 17:11 says, "As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

The man who gets riches, and not by right, will die and leave them, "and at his end shall be a fool."

"Easy come, easy go," is a proverb about making money. "A fool and his money are soon parted," says another. The man who makes money wrongfully cannot keep it. It proves a curse while he has it. And after all, he dies and leaves it. "And at his end shall be a fool."

Covetousness is wrong, even if one makes money honestly. The gambler, the confidence man, the cheat, may get money wrongfully and lose it quicker. But even the man who earns money honestly, if he saves it, multiplies it, depends upon it, if he loves it, finds that he becomes the slave of money. Money-making itself is a

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the way to happiness is to come to Jesus and yield your heart to Him. Trust Him to forgive your sins. Trust Him to make you happy. Trust Him to help you live right. And, thank God, you will find the joys that this world cannot give. You can find the peace that passeth understanding. And

you will find, instead of disillusionment, that every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before.

The other day I walked between two long rows of women in the Ohio Women's Reformatory. Most of them were young women. Most of them had landed in this

penitentiary after they had started out in a life of pleasure. I warn you solemnly from God's Word that "the end of that mirth is heaviness." Set out to serve God and please Him, and trust Him to furnish the happiness in life. "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." And the end of such worldly pleasure is a broken heart! Alas, the end of such pleasure may be Hell itself. I beg you, do not go that road! It ends at the wrong place.

V. The Fearful End of Human Morality and Human Religion Without the New Birth

Many of my readers would frankly agree with me that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." They would join in the scriptural position that, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Many of my readers do not

commit the scarlet sin; you would never think of going that way. You know that "her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword . . . her steps take hold on hell." Perhaps you know that worldly pleasure does not satisfy, and that "the end of that mirth is heaviness." Perhaps you would even agree that covetousness is an unsatisfying, cankerous sore that may ruin the life. But wait, dear friend! Are you sure

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that you are not on a road whose end is death?

Many, many people tell me that they live moral lives. One is a Mason who tries to subdue his passions, and lives on the square and compass, he says. Another is an Odd Fellow who lives by the three links, or professes to, and tries to be a good Samaritan. Another tells me that he seeks to live by the Golden Rule, and tries to do unto others as he wishes them to do unto him. Still others would say that they have been bap-

tized, or they have been confirmed, that they are members of churches, that they attend regularly. To all of these I must say that if you have not personally come to know Jesus Christ as your own Saviour; if you have not depended upon Him in a definite transaction and so been born again, made a new creature, then you are still on the road to Hell. You are on the way of death. Oh, I beg you in Jesus' name, check up on the end of that road before you travel it further!

But Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Again in Proverbs 16:25 the verse is repeated word for word. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Here the Bible says plainly that there is a certain way that people follow, a way that seems right, but it really ends in death! People are on this way of death and perfectly sincere. People are on this way of death, yet trying to be moral, trying to be religious people. People are on this way of death, and yet

they go to church and pray and give their money. Remember this; human ways of morality and religion lead to death! The Bible twice says that.

Nicodemus, the moral man, the Pharisee, the religious, praying, tithing man, was in the way that seems right to a man. But Jesus told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." If ever there were good, clean moral men, they were Pharisees like Nicodemus, and like Saul of Tarsus before he was converted. But they were on the way of death.

In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus Christ says:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Not all those who say, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do

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of life of us wretched sinners, ruined by original sin, He still further increased our tortures by the Gospel.

"But when by the Spirit of God I understood these words, 'The just shall live by faith'; when I learnt how the justification of the sinner proceeds from the free mercy of our Lord through faith,

then I felt born again like a new man; I entered through the open doors into the very paradise of God. Henceforth, also, I saw the beloved and holy Scriptures with other eyes.

"And as previously I had detested with all my heart these words, 'the righteousness of God,' I began from that hour to value and to love them, as the sweetest and most consoling words in the Bible.

"I see that the Devil is continually attacking this fundamental article by means of his doctors, and that in this respect he can never cease or take any repose. Well, then, I, Doctor Mar-

tin Luther, unworthy herald of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, confess this article, that *faith alone without works justifies before God*; and I declare that it shall stand and remain forever in spite of the spite of the emperor of the Romans, the emperors of the Turks, the Tartars and the Persians—in spite of the Pope and all his cardinals, with the bishops, priests and nuns—in spite of kings, princes and nobles—in spite of all the world and of the devils themselves; and that if they endeavor to fight against this truth, they will draw the fires of Hell upon their heads.

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pel, and the declaration of me, Doctor Luther, according to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. There is none who has died for our sins, if not Jesus Christ the Son of God. I say it once again: should all the world and all the devils tear each other to pieces and burst with rage, it is not less true. And if it is He alone that taketh away our sins, it cannot be ourselves and our own works.

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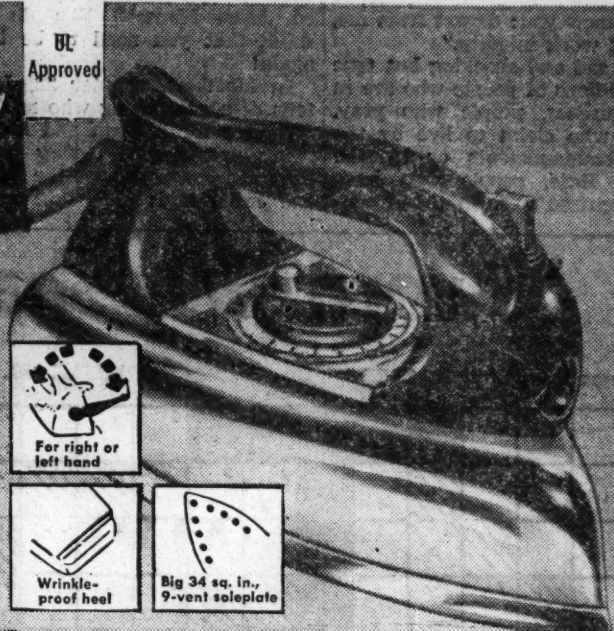
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"At the Last . . ."

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God's will about salvation. You cannot select the way to Heaven yourself. However sincere you are, if you have not been born again, if you have not definitely come to Christ and depended on Him for salvation, the way you are on is the way of death. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Jesus says that many, many will come and call Him Lord, people who have preached and prophesied and cast out devils and done many wonderful works. But to these people who have been in a way that seems right to men, a religious way, a moral way, He will say, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

It is sad and shocking but true that millions of people who are in the churches, people who pray, people who claim to live by the Ten Commandments or by the Golden Rule, people who have been baptized or sprinkled or con-

firmed, are yet really on the way of death. They have good religion, humanly speaking. They have good moral standards, humanly speaking, but they have not been born of God. Their hearts have never been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. They have never repented of their sins and honestly trusted in the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed to save sinners. And so, though they are in a way that seems right to a man, the end of it will be death, everlasting death!

Oh, how sad to have Jesus turn you away from Heaven because you were on such a good, moral way you did not think you needed Jesus Himself! You do not think that you need to be born again!

In Matthew, chapter 22, Jesus tells of a great king who made a marriage for his son and invited many people. When they came, the king came in to see the guests and Jesus said:

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Here is a sad truth. Many people want to come to the great wedding feast when the Lord Jesus introduces His bride to the Father, want to be at the wedding supper with all the redeemed, but they do not have on the wedding garment which God Himself must furnish! Some reader may say, "I think my lodge garments of morality are clean enough. They are better than most men wear." But only the garment of the imputed righteousness of Jesus, covering your vile sins, will be suitable for that occasion! God furnishes the supper and the same God must furnish the wedding garment. If you have not been to Jesus and allowed Him to give you the gar-

ment of His own righteousness, if you have not allowed Him to cover your sins with His own merit, His own goodness, then you cannot go to Heaven.

Let me plead with you, sinner; have you been washed in the blood? Have you really come to God through Jesus Christ? Remember that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Any other way may seem to you to be safe, but it does not lead to Heaven. It leads to Hell! Any other way that avoids the new birth by personal faith in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as Saviour, is a false way, and "the end thereof are the ways of death" is the solemn warning of the Scriptures.

Wait! See where the road ends before you take it! Human goodness is not enough! After all, you are a sinner and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). You think that you are good, but God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Again Jeremiah 13:23 says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." You cannot make yourself good. You cannot make yourself clean. As the leopard cannot change his spots, as the Ethiopian (or Negro) cannot change his skin, neither can you make yourself good. Only a miracle of God can do that, a miracle of regeneration that fixes the heart itself. So, then, human ways of morality lead but to death and Hell. And any kind of religion that does not involve a new heart, a new birth, a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Saviour, cannot lead to Heaven. Oh, then, beware of the road you travel! Remember that "there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!"

Is it not strange that religion may lead to Hell the same as drunkenness? Is it not strange that self-righteous morality may lead to Hell as well as adultery? But it is true. For the human heart is wicked, and your own ways are wrong ways. Your own goodness is wickedness in God's sight. Only as a man repents of sin and turns to trust Jesus Christ alone for salvation can he be received in Heaven. Remember that "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). There is no other way to settle this matter. And John 3:36 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth

not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

You see, no kind of religion, no kind of morality, no course of good deeds or religious rites can ever save a soul. Only coming to Jesus Christ in simple faith can cleanse your heart and make you clean, can put you on the road to Heaven, can make you acceptable to God! Oh, get off the road that leads to Hell! Get off the road of human morality, the road of human religion that you have been depending on to take you to Heaven. Instead, take the road of simple faith in Christ, depending on Christ to do for you what you cannot do for yourself, and that is, to save your soul.

VI. The End of All Sin Is Death

James 1:15 says:

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Sin leads to death.

If it is the sin of alcoholic drinking, that leads to death. If it is the sin of adultery and fornication and lust, that leads to death. If it is the sin of ill-gotten riches, it leads to death. If it is the sin of worldly pleasure, it leads to death. If it is the sin of self-righteous morality while rejecting Christ, it leads to death. SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH!

Oh, then, before you go on the road of sin any further, look at the end of it! The crossbone and skull marks the way of sin. The tombstone, the wail, the dirge, the blackness of night, eternal despair, the torment of a damned soul, the lake of fire and brimstone—these mark the end of sin.

In Romans 6:23 that is clearly expressed: "The wages of sin is death." But, thank God, that same Scripture has another statement! It continues: "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." You see that all are sinners, and if a man takes his proper wages, gets his honest deserts, he will go to Hell. But one can take the free gift of God and so have everlasting life! Every one who goes to Hell pays his own way. Every one who goes to Heaven rides on a pass! "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

You see the end of the road of sin. But, thank God, you can repent! You can turn your heart from sin and seek the Lord. And the moment you honestly turn from sin in your heart and put your trust in Jesus Christ, that moment He will save your soul and take you off the road of death.

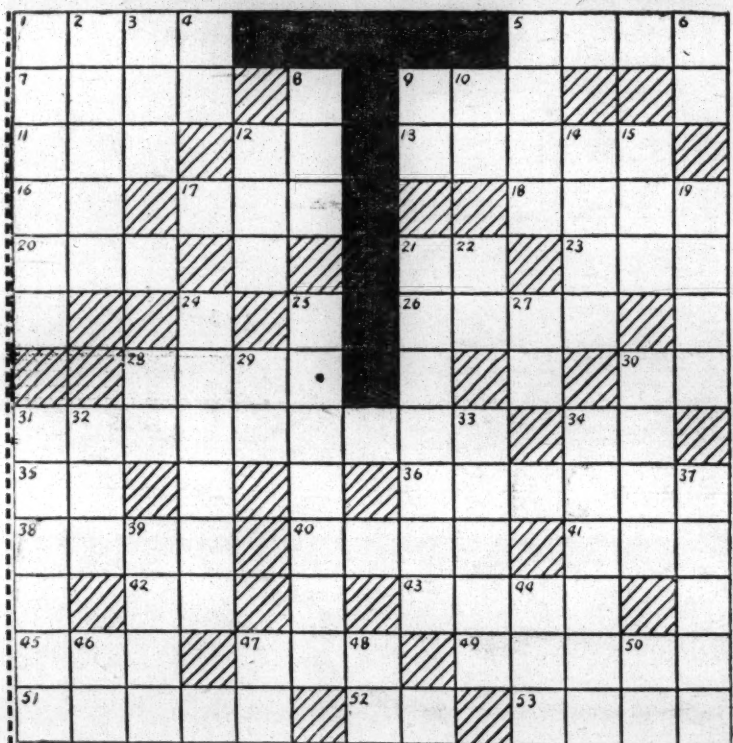
What a blessed difference there is between the end of the road for the sinner and the end of the road for one who has trusted in Christ! Daniel 12:2 says, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." All who go on the road of sin, whether it is drunkenness, adultery, or self-righteous morality, must awake to shame and everlasting contempt. But those who put their trust in Jesus Christ, depending on His mercy, depending on Him for forgiveness and salvation, will awake to everlasting life!

Sinner, God loves you. Jesus
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Thomas Is Convinced of the Resurrection of Jesus

John 20

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- 1 "Was not with . . . when Jesus came"
- 5 "We have . . . the Lord."
- 7 See 21 down.
- 9 Monkey, s—
- 11 "But Thomas, . . . of the twelve"
- 12 "That . . . might believe"
- 13 "And after . . . days again"
- 16 Doctor of Medicine (abbr.)
- 17 "I will . . . believe."
- 18 "The print of the . . . (s)"
- 20 Kind of tree
- 21 and 12 down—"Peace . . . unto . . ."
- 23 Science (abbr.)
- 26 Final
- 28 "And thrust my hand into his . . ."
- 30 "Then saith . . . to Thomas, Reach"
- 31 "Be not . . . , but believing."
- 34 Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- 35 "And thrust . . . into my side"
- 36 Limited, —r—
- 38 "Have life through his . . ."
- 40 Prefix meaning oil (var.), —l—
- 41 Their Royal Highnesses (abbr.)
- 42 Ancestor of Jesus
- 43 See 53 across.
- 45 Being, —n—
- 47 "Except I shall . . . in his hands the print"
- 49 Falls in drops
- 51 " . . . hither thy finger."
- 52 "Said unto him, . . . Lord and . . . God"
- 53 and 43 across—"then . . . Jesus, the . . . (s) being shut"

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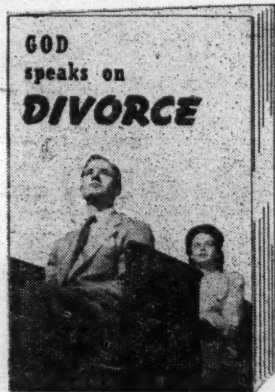
- 1 "Disciples were within, and . . . with them"
- 2 "And behold my . . ."
- 3 First woman
- 4 See 14 down.
- 5 "Many other . . . (s) truly did Jesus."
- 6 Not any
- 8 "And . . . have believed"
- 9 A compass point (abbr.)
- 10 Royal city of the Canaanites (Josh 8)
- 12 See 21 across.
- 14 and 4 down—"because thou . . . seen . . ."
- 15 Twitching
- 19 "And that believing ye might have . . ."
- 21 and 7 across—" . . . are they that . . . not seen"
- 22 Each (abbr.)
- 24 "And reach . . . thy hand."
- 25 "Seen me, thou hast . . . (d)"
- 27 Therefore
- 28 Staten Island (abbr.)
- 29 Deadhead (abbr.)
- 30 Outgrowth of the epidermis
- 31 "And put my . . . into the print of the nails"
- 32 Member of an Indonesian tribe of Mandanao
- 33 "And . . . in the midst"
- 34 Natural habitat, —a—i—
- 37 "But . . . are written"
- 39 Flat-topped hill
- 44 Sea animal, —r—
- 46 A compass point
- 47 Shilling (abbr.)
- 48 Printers' measure
- 50 Afternoon (abbr.)

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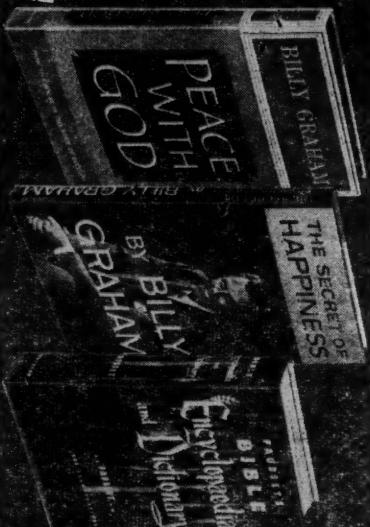
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